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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S BIRTHDAY GREETING TO PRESIDENT GISCARD.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING ON THE OCCASION OF THE LATTER'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 2) WAS POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY TODAY, JANUARY 23. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE SIGNED ORIGINAL TO GISCARD.

FYI:THE MESSAGE READS AS FOLLOWS:

1. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND MY BEST WISHES ON YOUR BIRTHDAY.

2. THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN EVENTFUL. DURING 1975 WE AND THE OTHER INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES MADE IMPORTANT PROGRESS THROUGH INTENSIFIED CONSULTATIONS AND BROADENED COOPERATION IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES WE FACE IN COMMON. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THESE EFFORTS IN COOPERATION WITH YOU AND OUR OTHER FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN EUROPE.
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3. MRS. FORD JOINS ME IN EXTENDING OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT WITH WHICH YOU AND MADAME GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL

HONOR US IN MAY. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.
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